

AMERICANS OFTEN MISS DOUG FRENCH

Cardyn Wilson Describes Home Life and Upholds Marriage Custom.

FAMILY IS FIRST OF ALL

Paris Declared to Be Quiet City With Dwellers Knowing Nothing of So-Called "Night Life"

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PARIS, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—For years Americans and English have completely misunderstood the French and a tradition of criticism has grown up which has made it the accepted thing for an Anglo-Saxon to speak, if not unkindly, at least uncomprehendingly of the French as a nation.

Sometimes I wonder where these traditions get their start, and the more I think about it, it seems to me that it lay partly in the fact that Paris was supposed to be a bad, wicked city, and, therefore, to the mind which makes generalities out of incidents—and this is peculiarly an Anglo-Saxon characteristic—all French cities were gay and bad and thus some qualifications must necessarily apply to the inhabitants.

This is no foolish judgment that it seems almost incredible as yet we have only to ask the average American man or woman who has made the conventional trip abroad, the average Englishman who comes to Paris for the Easter or the Summer holidays, and you find that one and all they agree that Paris is the "City of the Free and the Home of the Depressed."

"Night Life" for Visitors Only. Now, if you know Paris and Parisians at all, you soon find out that they are absolutely ignorant of the so-called night life of Paris. They neither know nor care to what particular shocking thing is going at this or that cabaret.

The gaiety of Paris, which is so famous—or infamous—is the forced and stimulated effort of cabaret and cafe managers for American and English patronage.

The other preconceived notion about French life which seems most often to be brought up as corroboration that the French are really "not what you think" is that because Frenchwomen bring a dot to their husbands, all marriages are in jeopardy, and that there is no pure and unselfish love, such as should be the foundation of marriage.

I would like to explain this point a little. I think it is only right that Americans should have a true conception of what this dot is really for, and that they are not to be misled by the tradition, family sacrifice is so strong as it is here.

War's Horror Accentuated. And because this family spirit is so deeply ingrained in the French man's heart, it makes this war all the more dreadful to the French, because a husband's death does not mean simply a husband, or son, or brother, or father. It means all four—each grief as poignant as the other, and the mother's deepest of all. And beyond these family borders there are the scores of ramifications of cousinship, jealousy guarded.

With us, when a boy goes out from the house, he becomes a separate individual, still very dear, but after that rather a husband than a son. Here, however, he never ceases to be so obedient, thoughtful, sacrificing.

Following out this thought, I remember how many men have told me that every man who dies on the battlefield, every man who is hurt, cries out, "Mama." It is the name of the wife, well loved, not in it to God that they cry, but to the one who is to them the foremost force in their lives.

But to return to the explanation of this marriage contract and the forming of a family life.

Married Life Happy. Two young people of similar social position, like religion, similar upbringing and education, friendly families and similar fortunes are brought together, and unless there is serious disaccord, the marriage is a happy one. Arrangements have been made, and they live very happily all their lives.

To one of American upbringing this sort of marriage seems a little lacking in expression of will and choice, but the longer I am here the more I am convinced of its excellence and of its equal, contented future.

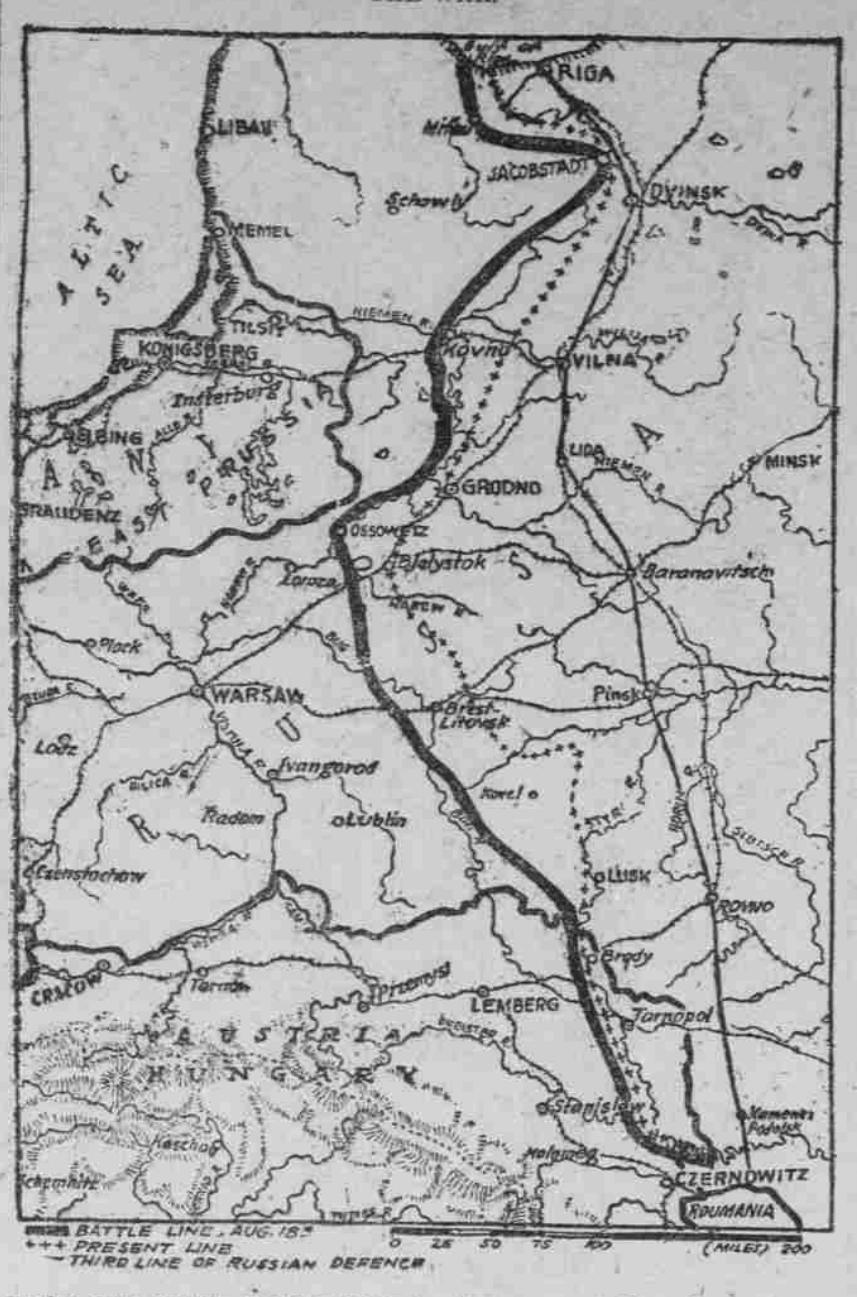
The dot on which so much insistence is always laid in mentioning the matter in America is to be kept in mind for the children which shall result of this marriage, and since in founding a new line certain social duties, a certain standard of living must be kept up, the man is not always able to do this unaided, and the wife's money is to be used in the necessary providing for the children or for furnishing them in their turn with a dowry when it comes their turn to marry.

Elders Head Family. With the founding of this new home the father and mother become the natural heads; when in their time the children marry, the grandmother and grandfather continue to hold their authority; their advice is always asked, they are the true heads of the family.

As marriage is a matter of choice and therefore is supposed to represent the height of human affection. With the French the natural unavailability of the relation of parents and children, of relationship stands in a higher light than the comparatively accidental marriage.

To be French mind the family is the first social fact, it is the foundation. Equal sacrifices will be made when the children may never be allowed to forget—even when they are 40 or 50—that they owe in reverence, respect, sacrifice and love to their parents.

MAP SHOWING SCENE OF OPERATIONS IN EASTERN THEATER OF THE WAR.



Grodno, Last Russian Fortress Taken by Germans, and Riga, Next Objective, Are Shown. Line of Advance Since August 15, When Position Was Along Heavy Black Line.

TEUTON COLONNALS WIRLED AT RIGA

Germans and Austrians Meet Stubborn Resistance, but Russians Give Way.

ALL READY FOR RETREAT

Czar's Forces in but Little Danger of Capture—Snow Puts Check on Fighting in Alps. Roumania Preparing.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Although they continue their retirement in some sectors and are being driven back in others, the Russians on the whole have stiffened their opposition to the Austria-German advance, and the German allies now have to fight, and fight hard, for every yard of ground which they gain.

Away to the north, just below the Gulf of Riga, a big battle is in progress for possession of the River Dvina, and the Germans now occupy the western bank between Lennewa, where they captured a bridgehead yesterday, and Friedrichstadt, where another bridgehead was taken by storm today.

These successes, if they can be carried out, will mean a crossing of the Dvina, must result in the evacuation of the town of Riga, which already is being threatened from the west and south by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army.

Russians Giving Way. From Friedrichstadt south to the Pripiet marshes the Russians and Germans are engaged in a series of battles. The Russians alone the River Dvina, and the Austro-Hungarians, counter attacks at other points are making heavy losses on their pursuers, they are being driven back, and the town of Vilna, which has already been evacuated by the civilians, probably will soon be left behind by the Russian army.

To the south of the Pripiet marshes another series of battles is being fought. The Russians alone the River Dvina, and the Austro-Hungarians, counter attacks at other points are making heavy losses on their pursuers, they are being driven back, and the town of Vilna, which has already been evacuated by the civilians, probably will soon be left behind by the Russian army.

MEXICO STOPS NEWS

Writer in Capital Says True Conditions Not Realized.

POORER NATIVES STARVING

Outside Press is Prohibited—Communications Are Cut—Money Shrinks in Value—City Frequently Changes Hands.

That the true conditions in Mexico are hardly realized by the people of this part of the country, and that those conditions are beyond ignoring, are statements in a letter received by Colonel Emmott Callahan, of this city, from a friend who has been practicing law in the City of Mexico.

The writer declares that authentic news of the outside world cannot be obtained in that part of Mexico owing to the fact that all newspapers have been discontinued, the telegraph service is spasmodic and the railways are out of operation. He further states that the only news obtained is through the medium of the official paper "printed in Spanish with its many columns."

Although the letter bears a date of July 26, it has just been received by Mr. Callahan.

Mr. Callahan is told that "there have been four or five changes in the government here during the past year, two of them occurring this month. We are not in any danger, however, in the capital, but we have scarcely had an outside newspaper for several months, as they are prohibited."

"With the railways destroyed around the city, and very little food coming in, you cannot imagine day to day life. I believe that many of the middle class and poorer Mexicans are in a really destitute condition. The truth is many of them are starving to death."

"Money value has shrunk and everything is at the highest conceivable price. Living expenses having gone up from six to 15 times what they formerly were."

"The practice of law in the Mexican capital is at a standstill, and all the lawyers have either left the city or turned to some other means of employment."

SCHOOLS OPEN TUESDAY

CHILDREN OF CITY TO FLOCK BY THOUSANDS TO CLASSROOMS.

Capacity Increased by Additions and New Buildings, and Record Attendance is Expected.

The school season is here once more and Portland's army of public school children will flock to classrooms of the city Tuesday morning, for that day marks the opening of the Fall term.

BOY WIRE-WALKER INJURED

Frank Graco, 11, Hurt by Fall and Auto Hits Hampton Price, 4 1/2.

In a tight-wire walking contest with two other small boys, Frank Graco, 11 years old, fell from the wire, which was stretched near the foot of Stark street, last night and received severe cuts about the head and a fractured skull. The lack of help at 473 East Ninth street, Dr. Arthur H. Johnson treated the boy in the Emergency Hospital.

Hampton Price, four and one-half years old, ran from his home to meet his uncle at East Ninth street and was struck by an automobile driven by H. L. Archer, 1245 Halsey street. The boy received cuts about the head and internal injuries. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

MOTHER PLEADS FOR BABE

Couple Walk 35 Miles to Answer Charge of Abusing Child.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Unable to pay their way, but determined to keep their six-month-old baby, Chester, from being taken from them by the County Court, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pryor, of Halfway, walked 35 miles toward Baker before they were picked up and brought the remaining 35 miles.

Mrs. Pryor is a frail little woman, and was several times on the point of collapse while making her plea to County Judge Messick this afternoon. Mrs. Ella Quinn, a neighbor, stated she had seen the Pryors attack the babe and heard him screaming, but they denied that they had ever abused the little child. The judge held his decision until next Tuesday.

ABERDEEN TAXES RAISED

Saloon Revenue Loss and Bridge Repairs Make Levy 20 Mills.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—A tax levy of more than 20 mills will be needed to finance this city during 1916, according to a tentative budget drafted by the Council. The purchase and repair of the west toll bridge at \$55,000 and the loss of \$23,075 in revenue from saloons is attributed as the main cause of the advance in the levy. This year's levy was 12.81 mills and in 1914 the levy was less than 12 mills.

Including an item of \$25,000 for the taking up of current indebtedness warrants the city will need \$232,856 to meet all expenses.

RECALL ELECTION OCT. 6

Official Proclamation Issued at North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Official proclamation of the recall election against County Commissioner Lancaster, Stubbins and Stuart was issued today by County Auditor Barrett, October 6 being named as the date.

FINES NOT TO INCREASE

REQUEST OF PUBLIC SAFETY CHAIRMAN DECLARED UNMORAL.

Commissioner Rebuked by Judge Dayton for Suggesting Means of Paying Another Officer.

"Such a request is immoral," declared District Judge Dayton yesterday when H. P. Coffin, chairman of the Public Safety Commission, asked him to increase the fine on a man who had been caught speeding on his motorcycle.

Mr. Coffin had pointed out that the county was going to pay \$90 a month for an officer to assist Eugene White in enforcing the speed laws.

"No, I'll not make my fines any stiffer to pay an extra man's salary. There's no reason why speeding should be more of a crime day after tomorrow than it was day before yesterday. I make the fines what my judgment says is best, and no more."

"I agree with you," continued the judge, "but another officer should be put on the roads if there are more violators than one man can handle."

Advertisement for R. M. GRAY's Correct Fashion Store. Located at the corner of Washington and West Park. Mrs. Yerkes in Charge of Fittings. Text describing the store's offerings and location.

8 IN CREW ADMIT THEFT

OFFENDERS ON STEAMER WAPAMA ARRAIGNED AT ST. HELENS.

Federal Larceny Charge Yields to State Pleat When Place of Offense is Revealed.

Yarnish, cigarettes, night-gowns, peroxide, whiskey, lamp black, sole leather, paint brushes, fancy twine, cigars and white shollies.

These are the things stolen by a band of thieves singularly lacking in discrimination that brought them into the unfavorable notice of Federal authorities yesterday.

Eight members of the crew of the steamer Wapama, moored at St. Helens, admitted, being accused, the theft of the odd assortment of goods from the cargo, to the value of \$260, and restored them to Captain Poldat, of the steamer, with the exception of three bottles of whiskey, which had been consumed.

The thefts came to the attention of the Federal authorities by reason of the fact that the acts of the modern pirates were brought to light upon the arrival of the boat from San Francisco and it was thought the serious charge of larceny on the high seas, a crime against the Government, would be preferred.

It was learned, however, by Deputy United States Attorney John J. Bookrishby yesterday from a man, who returned yesterday from a trip of investigation to St. Helens, that the thefts aboard ship took place after the steamer had entered the Columbia River.

Accordingly, the steamer captain halted his erring sailors before the Justice of the Peace at St. Helens and preferred a simple larceny charge against them. They will be dealt with by the state law.

SCHOOLS SERMON THEME

Nation-Wide Observance of September 12 Being Planned.

To mark the reopening of the public schools, and in response to a call issued by the National Reform Association, leading pastors of the city plan to preach special sermons on different phases of the public school work on Monday, September 12.

The regular meeting of the Ministerial Association will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association Monday, and it is probable that the matter will be taken up at that time and some action determined upon.

FIREMEN'S MEET PLANNED

Oregon City to Be Scene of Tournament for Two Days.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—From the grand parade at 3:30 o'clock in the morning to the banquet in the evening, the delegations of firemen of the city of Oregon City, Wash., and St. Johns, will spend a busy time Monday, the first day of the firemen's tournament.

Four teams will compete for the cash prizes offered in a dozen contests, which are distributed over Monday and Tuesday. The tournament will take the place of the annual meet of the Willamette Valley Firemen's Association, although the tournament is independent and entirely in charge of the Oregon City department. The Valley association has been reduced by the installation of paid departments in a number of Western Oregon towns.

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FIRE WIPES OUT BRIDGE

FOREST FLAMES ON MOUNT HOOD LINE EXTEND TWO MILES.

Special Train is Rushed to Scene to Aid Ranchers in Fight to Save Houses From Blast.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—A crew of 100 men in battling tonight to gain control of a serious forest fire burning between Holstein and Bloucher stations of the Mount Hood Railway line. The line of flames is about two miles long. The bridge across Collins Canyon, a main county highway, has been destroyed. Ranch houses in the vicinity are threatened.

The fire is thought to have been started by a spark from a locomotive. The railway company has rushed a special train and men to the scene to aid ranchers in fighting the fire. Enormous volumes of smoke are pouring up tonight from a forest fire in the Columbia National forest west of Husum. Evidence of a small fire in this vicinity have been noted for several days.

Mr. Goudey Motors Home From Fair. Edward S. Goudey and his family have returned from a motor trip to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. In the party was Mrs. Ann Goudey Neekom, of St. Paul, Minn., who is a niece of Mr. Goudey. The trip South was started August 2 and made on the Pacific Highway, which was then in perfect driving condition. The return trip through Central Oregon was made disagreeable by bad roads.

Advertisement for HOLMES BUSINESS COLLEGE. Located at 8227 REASONS WHY. Text describing the college's offerings and location.

Advertisement for COZY DAIRY LUNCH. Located at 323 Washington St., Near Sixth. Text describing the menu and location.

Advertisement for MONDAY EXCURSION. Multnomah Falls and Return. Dales-Columbia Line, Steamer State of Washington, From Taylor-Street Dock, 8 A. M. FARE, ROUND TRIP, 75c. Main 613, A 7712.

Advertisement for Arthur Geary, Representing the FEDERATED AUCTIONS. Text describing the services offered.

Advertisement for Skidmore Drug Co. Despite the loss by fire we have reopened with a new stock at 271 Alder St., and Fourth St. Text describing the store's offerings.

Advertisement for ANOTHER WITNESS MISSING. Colorado Military Court of Inquiry is Again Baited. Text describing the case.